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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply
3 saddened to learn of the death of Amos Everette Nicholson of
4 Aurora, who passed away on October 6, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Amos Nicholson was born on November 25, 1916, in
6 Sandwich to Charles and Elsie Nicholson; he graduated from East
7 Aurora High School in 1936, and began working with his father
8 in the painting and decorating business; and

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WHEREAS, Amos Nicholson enlisted in the Army Air Corps
during World War II and was trained as an aircraft mechanic; he
was stationed with the 343rd Squadron, 98th Bomb Group in North
Africa and Italy; he worked as a B-24 Liberator Crew Chief,
achieving the rank of Master Sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, Amos Nicholson's artistic talents were well known
to those in his unit; he painted the nose art on several of his
squadron's bombers, including images of Snow White & the Seven
Dwarfs and Prince Charming; he co-authored a book of his
exploits entitled "Snow White Goes to War"; after a 2 year
stint in Japan during the Korean Conflict, he returned to
Aurora and continued to work in the painting/decorating
business well into his 80's; and

1 WHEREAS, Amos Nicholson was preceded in death by his wife
2 of 59 years, Rita (Schramer) Nicholson; his parents, Charles
3 and Elsie; his sisters, Doris, Helen, and Margaret; and his
4 brother, Burnette; and

5 WHEREAS, Amos Nicholson is survived by his sons, Lynn
6 (Slawa) and Kent (Sue) and his grandson, Adam; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Amos Nicholson, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Amos Nicholson as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.